



Florida House of Representatives
Representative John K. Stargel
District 64

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**FLORIDA'S LONGEST SERVING EDUCATOR
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POLK COUNTY "TREASURE" TEACHING FOR 65 YEARS

TALLAHASSEE -- Ms. Hazel Haley was honored at the Florida State Capitol by the House of Representatives Thursday, April 15, 2004, for 65 years of dedicated service in education. State Representative John Stargel (R-Lakeland) introduced the resolution honoring Ms. Haley in the House.

"Ms. Haley's dedication to her children and her profession is an example to all of us," said Rep. Stargel. "Mere words do not fully express the deep gratitude we feel toward Ms. Haley for her devotion to educating our children & her dedication to her profession."

"We are too easily impressed with the tenure of athletes and quick to honor them, so let us be sure to take our time reflecting on all the good work Ms. Haley has done over her sixty five years of service," Stargel added.

Ms. Haley has been teaching at Lakeland High School from where she graduated in 1933, for 63 years. Her only time away from Lakeland High School occurred while she earned her bachelor's degree and a two year period when she taught at Oviedo and Moore Haven High Schools.

House Resolution (HR) 9035 praises Ms. Haley "whose influence as a truly committed teacher has touched thousands of lives," and calls her a Polk County treasure.

Other members of the Polk Delegation; State Representatives Frank Attkisson (R-Kissimmee), Marty Bowen (R-Winter Haven), Dennis Ross (R-Lakeland) & Baxter Troutman (R-Winter Haven) cosponsored the resolution.

HR 9035 has a companion resolution in the Senate sponsored by State Senator Paula Dockery (R-Lakeland).

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